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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. REF PARA 6 STATE 3174 ABOUT BRONIUS KAMINSKAS WAR
CRIMES DEPORTATION CASE -- YOUR NOTE 1703 INFORMED MFA THAT
INS AND, CONSEQUENTLY, THE USG, MAY ASK THAT THE WITNESSES
COME TO THE US. IN OUR VIEW THE NOTE SERVED NOTICE ON MFA
THAT THE QUESTION WOULD PROBABLY COME UP, BUT WE DO NOT SEE
THAT THE LANGUAGE OF THE NOTE CONSTITUTED A REQUEST FOR MFA
TO MAKE A DECISION IN PRINCIPLE AND INFORM US. EITHER WAY,
HOWEVER, IT NOW APPEARS PROBABLE THAT THE "IF" WILL NOT
OCCUR -- INS WILL PROBABLY NOT ASK THE WITNESSES IN THE
KAMINSKAS CASE TO COME. WHAT WE WERE CONGRATULATING OUR-
SELVES ABOUT IN STATE 3174 WAS THAT, INITIALLY, INS WANTED
US TO ASK MFA WHETHER THE SOVIET WITNESSES COULD COME,
WITHOUT INSERTING THE CONDITIONAL "IF", I.E., IF INS ASKS
THEM TO COME. WE WILL ADVISE YOU WHAT TO TELL MFA IN A
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FRONT CHANNEL CABLE AFTER THE DEPORTATION PROCEEDINGS
POSTPONEMENT IS GRANTED.

2. WE HAVE TALKED TO THE FIRE SAFETY TEAM ABOUT SUBJECT
RAISED IN YOUR LETTER OF AUGUST 11, 1976, AND STRESSED
THE NEED TO COME UP WITH SPECIFIC GUIDELINES IN WRITING
RE ACCESS BY SOVIET FIRE FIGHTERS. THIS WILL NOT BE

POSSIBLE UNTIL AFTER TEAM RETURNS, BUT A FORCEFUL EXPLANATION OF WHY SUCH GUIDANCE IS NEEDED BY YOU WOULD HELP. WE THINK SOMETHING CAN BE WORKED OUT WHICH WOULD SAY LET FIREMEN IN IF NEEDED TO PROTECT LIVES, BUT IF BUILDING IS EVACUATED BEFORE FIREMEN INSIDE, DON'T LET THEM IN.

3. FROM MARSHALL BREMENT: I AM DISTURBED AT 1200 DOLLAR BILL FROM YULIA. SHE WAS NEVER AUTHORIZED OVERTIME PAYMENT BY ME FOR WALKING THE DOG. IT WOULD HAVE BEEN FAR CHEAPER FOR ME TO BRING THE DOG TO THE US. I MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE DOG TO BE WALKED ON NIGHTS AND WEEKENDS BY ONE OF THE MARINES AT A COST OF 50 DOLLARS PER MONTH. WHEN THE MARINE WAS TRANSFERRED, UNEXPECTEDLY, OR WHEN THE DOG BIT HIM, YULIA TOOK IT UPON HERSELF TO COME IN ON NIGHTS AND WEEKENDS TO WALK THE DOG. I NEVER AUTHORIZED THIS AND DID NOT EVEN KNOW ABOUT IT TILL DECEMBER. ALTHOUGH YULIA ACTED IN GOOD FAITH, SHE DEFINITELY SHOULD HAVE TOLD YOU, TOM TRACY, OR SOME AMERICAN WHAT SHE WAS DOING. I HAD BEEN PAYING HER SALARY OUT OF MY POCKET FOR ALMOST THREE MONTHS FROM AUGUST THROUGH NOVEMBER BECAUSE SECRECY SEEMED TO REQUIRE IT AND THIS COST ME AN ADDITIONAL 750 DOLLARS ON TOP OF THE 1200 DOLLARS I AM NOW BEING BILLED -- AN ENORMOUS EXPENSE. THE SOLUTION SEEMS TO ME TO BE TO CUT THE OVERTIME IN HALF BUT TO PAY JULIA ENTIRELY IN COUPONS. PAST EXPERIENCE INDICATES THAT YULIA SHOULD BE DELIGHTED WITH SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT. IF SHE IS NOT, THEN I SMELL A RAT AND CONCLUDE THAT THIS IS PROBABLY A SOVIET OFFICIAL

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VIEW AND NOT YULIA'S PERSONAL ONE. SUGGEST THAT A LANGUAGE OFFICER SUCH AS JOE PRESEL BE ENTRUSTED WITH THE TASK OF EXPLAINING THIS SITUATION TO YULIA TO SEE IF SHE CAN BE MADE TO UNDERSTAND MY VIEWS CLEARLY.

4. WE HAVE BEEN ASKED FOR AN INFORMAL READING OF POTENTIAL VISA PROBLEMS FOR ROMAN LAZAREVICH KARMEN, FORMER FILM-MAKER AND AT ONE TIME STALIN'S PHOTOGRAPHER. MATTER AROSE WHEN KAMENEV OF SOVIET EMBASSY ASKED AMERICAN MEDIA REPRESENTATIVE TO HELP GENERATE AN INVITATION FOR KARMEN AND IMPLIED THAT THERE WAS A HISTORY OF VISA REFUSALS. OUR RECORDS SHOW THAT KARMEN CAME TO THE US IN 1973 AT MOMA'S INVITATION, AND THERE ARE FRAGMENTARY INDICATIONS OF A PRECEDENT AND KARMEN'S AGE (70), WE DON'T SEE A STRONG CASE FOR REFUSAL -- DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT?

5. WE ARE STAFFING A CABLE ON POSTPONEMENT OF THE S AND T JOINT COMMISSION MEETING. DESPITE OBVIOUS PROBLEMS, THIS STEP SEEMS BEST SOLUTION TO ACCOMMODATE CHANGE-OVER OF US

CO-CHAIRMAN. DR. STEVER WILL BE LEAVING JAN 20 AND HIS SUCCESSOR HAS NOT BEEN NAMED.

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6. WE HAVE NOW TALKED TO RAMEE, WHO WOULD NOT BE INTERESTED IN A MOSCOW JOB UNLESS IT WERE AS CHIEF OF POL/INT OR POL/EXT. EVEN THEN HE'S NOT SURE THAT HE WOULD GET HIS FAMILY'S AGREEMENT TO THE ASSIGNMENT. ASSUMING YOU DON'T WANT TO OFFER THE SECTION CHIEF JOB TO RAMEE, WE COULD NOW START COMBING THE O-5'S. LEON FUERTH, NOW HANDLING ARMS CONTROL MATTERS IN C, SHOWS UP AS A 2-2 IN RUSSIAN, WHICH WOULD BE A BIG HANDICAP. AND WE DON'T KNOW WHAT HE WANTS TO DO. LOUIS SELL IS AT GARMISCH AND IS PRESUMABLY ABOUT UP TO SPEED IN RUSSIAN, BUT THEN WE'D HAVE TO GET A REPLACEMENT FOR HIM. BUT BEFORE BEGINNING A FULL-SCALE SEARCH, WOULD YOU RATHER MOVE SOMEONE UP TO POL FROM INSIDE?

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7. THE WATER CABLE WAS WRITTEN WITHOUT BENEFIT OF YOUR MED CHANNEL CABLE, WHICH AS OF COB TODAY HASN'T BEEN FOUND. FRANKLY, DESPITE THE JUDGMENT OF MEDICAL OPINION THAT THERE IS NO SHORT-TERM PROBLEM, I PERSONALLY WOULD NOT WISH TO DRINK THAT WATER AND WOULD WANT TO BE PROVIDED WITH OTHER WATER FOR DRINKING.

8. ON KIEV, APPARENTLY FBO'S CABLE ASKING FOR ITEMIZED LISTS OF EXPENSES ON FLORENTSIYA EXPENSES GOT LOST IN THE BOWELS OF FBO FOR TWO WEEKS. JOAN AGREES WITH US THAT WE SHOULDN'T GO THROUGH THIS PROCESS AND WILL TRY TO PERSUADE FBO OF THIS ON MONDAY, WHEN WE HOPE TO GET OUT SOME INSTRUCTIONS WHICH WILL OFFER A WAY TO CUT THE GORDIAN KNOT.

9. FOR THE AMBASSADOR: ART HAS SERIOUS RESERVATIONS ABOUT YOUR DOING THE NBC INTERVIEW IN MOSCOW AND WONDERED IF YOU WOULD PREFER TO TURN IT OFF YOURSELF.

10. RE VANCE CABLE TO STOLAR, WE ARE SUGGESTING IT ALSO BE SENT COMMERCIAL TO ASSURE IT IS SEEN BY AUTHORITIES.

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